

	Hispanic Origin	2000 Population	Percentage
US	Mexican	20,640,711	58.46263355
	Puerto Rican	3,406,178	9.647639378
	Cuban	1,241,685	3.516941599
	Other Hispanic or Latino	10,017,244	28.37278547
	Dominican	764,945	2.165625909
	Central American	1,688,937	4.778070855
	Costa Rican	68,588	0.194268265
	Guatemalan	372,487	1.05503008
	Honduran	217,569	0.61624121
	Nicaraguan	177,664	0.503271161
	Panamanian	91,723	0.259795708
	Salvadoran	855,165	1.855885855
	Other Central American	103,721	0.293778776
	South American	1,353,562	3.833821383
	Argentinean	100,864	0.285886825
	Bolivian	42,068	0.118153166
	Chilean	68,849	0.19500752
	Colombian	470,684	1.33316271
	Ecuadorian	280,559	0.738005844
	Paraguayan	8,769	0.024837286
	Peruvian	233,926	0.662570685
	Uruguayan	18,804	0.053260344
	Venezuelan	91,507	0.259183911
	Other South American	57,532	0.162953313
	Spaniard	100,135	0.28362161
	All Other Hispanic or Latino	6,111,665	17.31064551
	Total Hispanic Population	35,305,818	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	35,305,818	12.54551165
	White	194,552,774	69.13206485
	Black or African American	33,947,837	12.0629689
	American Indian or Alaska Native	2,068,883	0.735153603
	Asian	10,123,169	3.597150323
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	353,509	0.12561531
	Other	467,770	0.166216627
	Two or More Races	4,602,146	1.635319036
	Not Hispanic or Latino	246,116,088	87.45448835
	Total	281,421,906	100
New Jersey	Mexican	102,929	9.213196311
	Puerto Rican	366,788	32.83127057
	Cuban	77,337	6.92245104
	Other Hispanic	570,137	51.03308208
	Total Hispanic Population	1,117,191	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	1,117,191	13.27721086
	White	5,557,209	66.04442411
	Black or African American	1,086,171	13.02739962
	American Indian or Alaska Native	11,338	0.134745999
	Asian	477,012	5.659029693
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2,175	0.025848699
	Other	19,565	0.232519446

	Two or More Races	133,689	1.588621478
	Not Hispanic or Latino	7,297,159	86.72278904
	Total	8,414,350	100
Newark	Mexican	2,295	2.846617549
	Puerto Rican	39,650	49.18012453
	Cuban	2,962	3.673935154
	Other Hispanic	35,715	44.29932277
	Total Hispanic Population	80,622	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	80,622	29.47292229
	White	38,950	14.23892142
	Black or African American	142,083	51.9411726
	American Indian or Alaska Native	529	0.193386122
	Asian	3,138	1.147156237
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	89	0.025224277
	Other	2,034	0.743567809
	Two or More Races	6,121	2.237649244
	Not Hispanic or Latino	192,924	70.52707771
	Total	273,546	100
New York	Mexican	260,889	9.097870625
	Puerto Rican	1,050,293	36.62642023
	Cuban	62,590	2.182674399
	Other Hispanic	1,493,811	52.09303445
	Total Hispanic Population	2,867,583	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	2,867,583	15.11126656
	White	11,780,981	61.97869565
	Black or African American	2,812,623	14.82164453
	American Indian or Alaska Native	52,499	0.278653329
	Asian	1,035,926	5.459006389
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5,230	0.027560466
	Other	75,489	0.397856144
	Two or More Races	366,116	1.929316943
	Not Hispanic or Latino	18,108,874	84.88873344
	Total	18,976,457	100
New York City	Mexican	186,872	8.649263106
	Puerto Rican	789,172	36.5263724
	Cuban	41,123	1.903354417
	Other Hispanic	1,143,387	52.92101007
	Total Hispanic Population	2,160,554	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	2,160,554	26.97900847
	White	2,801,267	34.97964232
	Black or African American	1,962,154	24.501572
	American Indian or Alaska Native	17,321	0.216288695
	Asian	780,229	9.742781157
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2,829	0.035325946
	Other	58,775	0.733928068
	Two or More Races	225,149	2.811453349
	Not Hispanic or Latino	5,847,724	73.02099153
	Total	8,008,278	100

	Hispanic Origin	2000 Population	Percentage
US	Mexican	20,640,711	58.5
	Puerto Rican	3,406,178	9.6
	Cuban	1,241,685	3.5
	Other Hispanic or Latino	10,017,244	28.4
	Dominican	764,945	2.2
	Central American	1,686,937	4.8
	Costa Rican	68,588	0.2
	Guatemalan	372,487	1.1
	Honduran	217,569	0.6
	Nicaraguan	177,684	0.5
	Panamanian	91,723	0.3
	Salvadoran	655,165	1.9
	Other Central American	103,721	0.3
	South American	1,353,562	3.8
	Argentinean	100,864	0.3
	Bolivian	42,068	0.1
	Chilean	68,849	0.2
	Colombian	470,684	1.3
	Ecuadorian	260,559	0.7
	Paraguayan	8,769	0
	Peruvian	233,926	0.7
	Uruguayan	18,804	0.1
	Venezulan	91,507	0.3
	Other South American	57,532	0.2
	Spaniard	100,135	0.3
	All Other Hispanic or Latino	6,111,665	17.3
	Total Hispanic Population	35,305,818	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	35,305,818	12.5
	Not Hispanic or Latino	246,116,088	87.5
	Total	281,421,906	100
New Jersey	Mexican	102,929	9.21
	Puerto Rican	266,788	32.83
	Cuban	77,337	6.93
	Other Hispanic	570,137	51.03
	Total Hispanic Population	1,117,191	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	1,117,191	13.3
	Not Hispanic or Latino	7,297,159	86.7
	Total	8,414,350	100
Newark	Mexican		

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In Census 2000, 281.4 million residents were counted in the United States (excluding the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Island Areas¹), of which 35.3 million (or 12.5 percent) were Hispanic, Mexicans represented 7.3 percent, Puerto Ricans 1.2 percent, Cubans 0.4 percent, and other Hispanics 3.6 percent of the total population.² An additional 3.8 million Hispanics were enumerated in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This report, part of a series that analyzes population and housing data collected by Census 2000, provides a profile of the Hispanic population in the United States.

The concept and measurement of Hispanic origin have evolved across several censuses.³

In Census 2000, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.⁴ The term "Latino" appeared on the census form for

Figure 1.
Reproduction of the Question on Hispanic Origin From Census 2000

5. Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Mark ☒ the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cuban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — Print group: <i>xx</i> | |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 questionnaire.

the first time in 2000 (see Figure 1). People who marked "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino" had additional space to write Hispanic origins, such as Salvadoran or Dominican, a practice started in the 1990 census. The 1990 and 1980 censuses asked people if they were of "Spanish/Hispanic origin or descent" and if so, to choose Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic.

The census in 1970 was the first to include a separate question specifically on Hispanic origin, although it was only asked of a 5-percent sample of households. In 1970, respondents were asked to choose whether their origin or descent was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish. Prior to 1970, Hispanic origin was determined only indirectly; for example, the 1960 and 1950 censuses collected and published data for "persons of Spanish surname" in five southwestern states,⁵ whereas the 1940 census identified

¹ The U.S. Island Areas include U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

² The population universe for the size and distribution of the Hispanic population does not include data for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Data for Puerto Rico are shown and discussed separately.

³ People of Hispanic origin, in particular, were those who indicated that their origin was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or some other Hispanic origin. For example, people who indicate that they are of Mexican origin may be either born in Mexico or of Mexican heritage. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

⁴ The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" may be used interchangeably to reflect the new terminology in the standards issued by the Office of Management and Budget in 1997 that are to be implemented by January 1, 2003.

⁵ These states included Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

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people who reported Spanish as their "mother tongue." Mexican was included as a category within the race question only in the 1930 census.⁶

The Hispanic population increased by more than 50 percent since 1990.

The Hispanic population increased by 57.9 percent, from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000, compared with an increase of 13.2 percent for the total U.S. population. Population growth varied by group. Mexicans increased by 52.9 percent, from 13.5 million to 20.6 million. Puerto Ricans increased by 24.9 percent, from 2.7 million to 3.4 million. Cubans increased by 18.9 percent, from 1.0 million to 1.2 million. Hispanics who reported other origins increased by 96.9 percent, from 5.1 million to 10.0 million.⁷

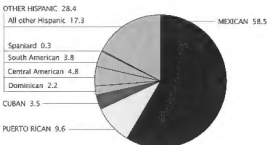
As a result of these different growth rates, the proportionate distribution of Hispanics by type changed between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, Mexicans were 58.5 percent of all Hispanics (down from 60.4 percent in 1990), Puerto Ricans were 9.6 percent (down from 12.2 percent), Cubans were 3.5 percent (down from 4.7 percent), and the remaining 28.4 percent were of other Hispanic origins (up from 22.8 percent) as shown in Figure 2.

Other Hispanic origins refer to a variety of identifications.

Among the 10.0 million other Hispanics in 2000, 1.7 million were

Figure 2.
Percent Distribution of the Hispanic Population by Type: 2000

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/cf1.pdf)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.

Central American, 1.4 million were South American, and 765,000 were Dominican.

Most other Hispanics did not specify a detailed Hispanic origin, but either checked the Spanish/Hispanic/Latino box without providing any additional information or wrote in answers such as "Hispanic" or "Latino" or "Spanish" (see Table 1). At 17.3 percent (6.1 million) of the total Hispanic population, Hispanic respondents who did not give a detailed origin answer were second in size only to the Mexican origin group.

Salvadorans were the largest Central American group.

Central Americans represented 4.8 percent of the total Hispanic population. There were 655,000 Salvadorans (1.9 percent of the total Hispanic population), 372,000 Guatemalans (1.1 percent), and 218,000 Hondurans (0.6 percent).

South Americans represented 3.8 percent of the total Hispanic population. There were 471,000

Colombians (1.3 percent of the total Hispanic population), 261,000 Ecuadorians (0.7 percent), and 234,000 Peruvians (0.7 percent).

More than three-quarters of Hispanics lived in the West or South.⁸

In 2000, 43.5 percent of Hispanics lived in the West and 32.8 percent lived in the South. The Northeast and Midwest accounted for 14.9 percent and 8.9 percent, respectively, of the Hispanic population.

Hispanics accounted for 24.3 percent of the population in the West,

⁶ For further information on the history of Hispanic origin in the census, see Chapa, Jorge, 2000, "Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and identifiers," in *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census*, editor Margot J. Anderson, Congressional Quarterly Press, Washington, DC.

⁷ This increase may be caused by a change in census coverage, as well as by a change in the question format (the question on Hispanic origin in 2000 did not include examples for the "Other Hispanic" category while the 1990 question did), or by a change in identification among Hispanics and non-Hispanics.

⁸ The Northeast region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Midwest region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The South region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The West region includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Table 1.
Hispanic Population by Type: 2000

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/c2k01.pdf.)

Subject	Number	Percent
HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN		
Total population	261,421,906	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	35,305,818	12.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	246,116,088	87.5
HISPANIC OR LATINO BY TYPE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	35,305,818	100.0
Mexican	20,640,711	58.5
Puerto Rican	3,406,178	9.6
Cuban	1,241,886	3.5
Other Hispanic or Latino	10,017,244	28.4
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	764,945	2.2
Central American (excludes Mexican)	1,686,857	4.8
Costa Rican	68,568	0.2
Guatemalan	372,487	1.1
Honduran	217,569	0.6
Nicaraguan	177,684	0.5
Panamanian	91,723	0.3
Salvadoran	665,165	1.9
Other Central American	103,721	0.3
South American	1,383,562	3.8
Argentinian	100,864	0.3
Bolivian	42,068	0.1
Chilean	66,849	0.2
Colombian	470,684	1.3
Ecuadorian	260,559	0.7
Paraguayan	8,796	0.0
Peruvian	233,926	0.7
Uruguayan	18,804	0.1
Venezuelan	91,507	0.3
Other South American	57,532	0.2
Spaniard	100,135	0.3
All other Hispanic or Latino	6,111,665	17.3
Checkbox only, other Hispanic	1,733,274	4.9
Write-in Spanish	688,004	1.9
Write-in Hispanic	2,454,529	7.0
Write-in Latino	450,768	1.3
Not elsewhere classified	787,080	2.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.

the only region in which Hispanics exceeded the national level of 12.5 percent (see Table 2). Hispanics accounted for 11.6 percent of the population in the South, 9.8 percent in the Northeast, and 4.9 percent in the Midwest.

Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans were concentrated in different regions. Among Mexicans, 55.3 percent lived in the West, 31.7 percent in the South, 10.7 percent in the Midwest, and 2.3 percent in the

Northeast. Among Puerto Ricans, 60.9 percent lived in the Northeast, 22.3 percent in the South, 9.6 percent in the Midwest, and 7.2 percent in the West. Among Cubans, 74.2 percent lived in the South, 13.6 percent in the Northeast, 8.5 percent in the West, and 3.6 percent in the Midwest.

Half of all Hispanics lived in just two states: California and Texas.

In 2000, 27.1 million, or 76.8 percent, of Hispanics lived in the seven

states with Hispanic populations of 1.0 million or more (California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Arizona, and New Jersey). Hispanics in California accounted for 11.0 million (31.1 percent) of the total Hispanic population, while the Hispanic population in Texas accounted for 6.7 million (18.9 percent). Hispanics numbered between 500,000 and 999,999 in only two states (Colorado and New Mexico). Hispanics in 22 states were between 100,000 and 499,999. Hispanics were less than 100,000 in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

Hispanics in New Mexico were 42.1 percent of the total state population, the highest proportion for any state. Hispanics were 12.5 percent (the national level) or more of the state population in eight other states (California, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Florida, New York, and New Jersey). Mexicans were the largest Hispanic group in five of these states (California, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, and Colorado), while Hispanics of other Hispanic origins were the largest group in the remaining states (New Mexico, Florida, New York, and New Jersey). Hispanics accounted for less than 12.5 percent of the population in 41 states and the District of Columbia.

Hispanic origin groups were concentrated in different states. The largest Mexican populations (more than a million) were in California, Texas, Illinois and Arizona, mostly southwestern states. The largest Puerto Rican populations (more than 250,000) were in New York, Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, mostly northeastern states. About two-thirds of all Cubans were in Florida.

Table 2.
Hispanic Population by Type for Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: 1990 and 2000

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/s1.pdf]

Area	1990			2000			Hispanic type			
	Total population	Hispanic population		Total population	Hispanic population		Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Other Hispanic
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent				
United States	248,705,873	22,354,058	9.0	281,421,905	33,105,818	12.5	20,648,711	3,406,178	1,241,685	10,017,244
Region										
Northeast	50,809,229	3,754,389	7.4	53,594,378	5,254,067	9.8	479,189	2,674,574	168,559	2,531,365
Midwest	56,696,632	1,726,209	2.9	64,362,776	3,124,532	4.9	2,200,196	325,963	45,305	153,669
South	95,445,930	8,767,021	7.9	100,236,820	11,596,695	11.6	9,548,081	759,305	921,427	3,357,883
West	52,785,082	10,106,140	19.1	63,197,393	15,346,503	24.3	11,413,355	246,536	105,994	3,574,308
State										
Alabama	4,040,587	24,629	0.6	4,447,100	75,830	1.7	44,822	8,322	2,364	22,632
Alaska	550,043	17,503	3.2	605,932	25,852	4.1	13,334	2,649	553	9,318
Arizona	3,665,228	688,338	18.8	5,190,832	1,285,617	25.3	1,063,578	17,587	5,272	207,180
Arkansas	2,350,723	19,670	0.8	2,573,450	86,806	3.2	61,294	2,473	590	22,297
California	29,760,021	7,687,038	25.8	33,871,648	10,966,556	32.4	8,455,926	140,570	72,286	2,297,774
Colorado	3,294,354	424,302	12.9	4,301,261	738,601	17.1	450,760	12,993	3,701	268,147
Connecticut	3,287,115	213,116	6.5	3,465,563	320,323	9.4	23,494	194,443	7,101	85,295
Delaware	695,168	15,520	2.4	793,500	37,277	4.8	12,866	14,025	932	5,554
District of Columbia	605,900	32,710	5.4	572,059	44,953	7.9	5,098	2,328	1,701	38,426
Florida	12,537,926	1,574,143	12.2	15,982,378	2,682,715	16.8	363,905	482,027	833,120	1,003,643
Georgia	6,478,218	108,922	1.7	8,188,453	435,227	5.3	275,288	35,532	12,538	111,871
Hawaii	1,108,239	81,390	7.3	1,211,537	87,699	7.2	19,020	30,005	711	37,163
Idaho	1,006,749	62,827	5.3	1,293,953	101,690	7.8	79,324	1,509	408	20,449
Illinois	11,190,455	1,419,260	12.3	13,536,280	2,142,390	15.8	1,142,390	157,853	18,759	209,599
Indiana	5,544,159	58,790	1.1	6,080,485	82,473	1.4	152,042	19,678	2,754	35,062
Iowa	2,776,735	32,647	1.2	2,926,324	82,473	2.8	61,154	2,690	750	17,879
Kansas	2,477,574	93,670	3.8	2,688,418	188,252	7.0	146,270	5,237	1,880	33,065
Kentucky	3,695,296	21,584	0.6	4,041,769	59,539	1.5	31,365	6,469	3,516	18,569
Louisiana	4,213,972	93,044	2.2	4,768,976	107,283	2.3	70,287	17,891	844	59,353
Maine	1,227,308	6,828	0.6	1,274,803	9,360	0.7	2,756	2,275	478	3,851
Maryland	4,791,489	125,102	2.6	5,296,496	227,918	4.3	39,990	55,570	5,754	155,692
Massachusetts	6,016,425	287,549	4.8	6,349,997	428,729	6.8	22,258	199,207	8,867	198,367
Michigan	9,295,297	201,596	2.2	9,908,444	325,877	3.3	220,769	26,941	7,219	68,448
Minnesota	4,375,996	53,084	1.2	4,919,479	143,382	2.9	95,613	6,616	2,527	38,626
Mississippi	2,573,218	15,301	0.6	2,844,828	39,569	1.4	21,618	2,801	1,508	13,664
Missouri	5,117,073	61,702	1.2	5,595,217	118,587	2.1	77,887	8,677	3,902	31,006
Montana	799,065	12,174	1.5	902,198	18,081	2.0	11,735	901	285	5,130
Nebraska	1,578,385	36,099	2.3	1,711,263	94,425	5.5	71,030	1,903	859	20,543
Nevada	1,201,833	124,419	10.4	1,968,357	393,970	19.7	285,754	10,420	11,498	86,288
New Hampshire	1,109,852	11,539	1.0	1,235,788	20,489	1.7	4,890	6,215	785	8,899
New Jersey	7,730,188	739,861	9.6	8,814,390	1,117,191	12.3	102,929	368,788	77,337	570,137
New Mexico	1,515,369	575,224	38.2	1,819,046	765,386	42.1	330,049	448,818	2,588	428,261
New York	17,990,455	2,214,006	12.3	18,975,457	2,867,583	15.1	260,889	1,655,203	4,493	814,811
North Carolina	6,628,837	76,726	1.2	8,048,313	378,963	4.7	246,545	31,117	7,369	30,812
North Dakota	638,800	4,695	0.7	642,200	7,786	1.2	4,235	900	274	2,734
Ohio	10,847,115	130,696	1.3	11,353,140	217,123	1.9	90,663	66,269	5,152	55,099
Oklahoma	3,145,585	86,180	2.8	3,450,854	179,204	5.2	129,591	1,759	36,579	62,594
Oregon	2,842,321	112,707	4.0	3,421,396	275,314	8.0	214,682	5,082	52,469	10,000
Pennsylvania	11,881,643	232,282	2.0	12,281,054	384,006	3.2	55,178	228,557	10,353	89,990
Rhode Island	1,003,464	45,752	4.6	1,048,318	80,820	7.7	8,881	25,422	1,758	48,389
South Carolina	3,486,703	30,251	0.9	4,012,012	96,078	2.4	52,871	12,211	2,875	27,119
South Dakota	899,304	5,252	0.6	754,844	10,903	1.4	6,364	937	163	3,739
Tennessee	4,877,185	52,741	0.7	5,689,293	125,836	2.2	77,372	10,303	3,695	30,468
Texas	16,986,519	4,338,905	25.5	20,851,820	6,669,666	32.0	5,071,983	69,504	25,705	1,502,484
Utah	1,732,590	84,597	4.9	2,233,169	201,559	9.0	136,415	3,977	540	60,225
Vermont	562,758	3,661	0.7	608,827	5,504	0.9	1,174	1,374	310	2,646
Virginia	6,187,358	160,298	2.6	7,070,516	329,540	4.7	73,979	41,131	8,332	206,068
Washington	4,869,382	214,570	4.4	5,894,121	451,509	7.7	328,924	15,140	4,521	80,934
West Virginia	1,703,477	2,450	0.1	1,800,344	12,279	0.7	4,547	1,609	453	5,870
Wisconsin	4,891,786	83,194	1.9	5,363,875	192,321	3.6	129,319	30,267	2,401	33,444
Wyoming	453,588	25,751	5.7	493,782	31,869	6.4	18,963	575	180	10,871
Puerto Rico	3,522,037	(NA)	(NA)	3,808,816	3,754,746	98.8	11,546	3,823,382	19,973	107,839

NA Not available.

¹ Census 2000 was the first to ask a separate question on Hispanic origin in Puerto Rico.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1; 1990 Census of Population, General Population Characteristics (CP-1-1).

Counties with the highest proportions of Hispanics were along the southwestern border of the United States.

In 2000, the proportion of Hispanics within a county exceeded the national level (12.5 percent) most often in the counties of the South and West, especially in counties along the border with Mexico (see Figure 3).

Hispanics were the majority of the population in 50 counties, accounting for 13.5 percent of the total Hispanic population. Of these counties, 35 are in the South and 15 are in the West. In the South, Hispanics were the majority in 34 counties in Texas and one in Florida. In the West, Hispanics were the majority in nine counties in New Mexico, and two counties in each of the following states: Arizona, California, and Colorado.

Hispanics also were concentrated in groupings of counties outside of the four states bordering Mexico. In particular, Hispanic concentrations occurred in counties within central Washington, in counties within the mountain states of Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado, in counties around Chicago, New York, and the District of Columbia, and in counties within southern Florida.

Hispanics represented more than one-quarter but less than half of the county population in 152 counties. The percent Hispanic exceeded the national level of 12.5 percent but was less than 25.0 percent of the population in 181 counties. The percent Hispanic ranged from 6.0 percent to just under the national level in 311 counties. Hispanics represented less than 6.0 percent of the county's

population in 2,447 counties. Furthermore, Hispanics represented less than 1.0 percent of a county's population in 899 counties.

Hispanics were also present in some counties within nontraditional states.

While most Hispanics lived in the South or West, some counties in nontraditional Hispanic states such as Georgia and North Carolina had sizable proportions of Hispanic populations.⁹ Hispanics within some counties in North Carolina, Georgia, Iowa, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Nebraska represented between 6.0 percent and 24.9 percent of the county's total population. The percent Hispanic within these counties exceeded the percent Hispanic (less than 6.0 percent) for these states.

More than 4 million Hispanics lived in Los Angeles County, California.

In 2000, Hispanics in four counties accounted for 21.9 percent of the total Hispanic population. There were 4.2 million Hispanics in Los Angeles County, California, 1.3 million in Miami-Dade County, Florida, 1.1 million in Harris County, Texas, and 1.1 million in Cook County, Illinois.

Hispanic origin groups were concentrated in different counties. The largest Mexican populations lived in counties that had large Hispanic populations, including Los Angeles County, California (3.0 million), Harris County, Texas (815,000), and Cook County, Illinois (786,000). The two largest Puerto

Rican populations lived in two New York counties: Bronx County (319,000), and Kings County (213,000). More than half (651,000 or 52.4 percent) of all Cubans lived in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was 98.8 percent Hispanic.¹⁰

Of all Hispanics in Puerto Rico, 96.3 percent were of Puerto Rican origin. The second largest Hispanic population in Puerto Rico was Dominican, accounting for 1.5 percent of all Hispanics there.

The proportion Hispanic ranges from 97 percent to 99 percent in the four places¹¹ in Puerto Rico with 100,000 or more population (Ponce, Bayamón, Carolina, and San Juan).

In 2000, more than a million Hispanics lived in New York and in Los Angeles.¹²

More than 500,000 Hispanics resided in Chicago, Houston, and San Antonio (see Table 3). Among the ten places¹³ with the largest Hispanic populations, Puerto Ricans represented the largest

⁹ Census 2000 was the first to ask a separate question on Hispanic origin in Puerto Rico.

¹⁰ For further explanation of geographic entities in Puerto Rico, see Appendix A in U.S. Census Bureau, 1993, *Population and Housing Unit Counts: Puerto Rico, 1990 Census of Population and Housing*, CPH-2-53, Washington, DC.

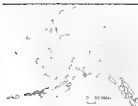
¹¹ Three in four (75.3 percent) Hispanics in the state of New York lived in the five boroughs that make up New York City: 645,000 in the Bronx, 557,000 in Queens, 488,000 in Brooklyn, 418,000 in Manhattan, and 54,000 in Staten Island.

¹² In Census 2000, there were 245 places in the United States (excluding the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) with 100,000 or more population. These included 238 incorporated places (including 4 city-county consolidations) and included 7 census designated places (CDPs) that were not legally incorporated. For a list of places by state, see Table 4 or Table 5 in www.census.gov/population/www/cen2000/phc-t6.html.

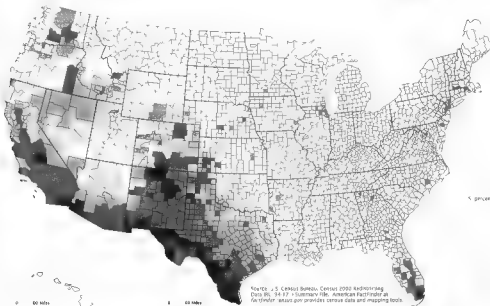
¹³ For further discussion of change in the Hispanic population between 1990 and 2000, see Brewer, Cynthia A., and Trudy A. Suchan, 2001, *Mapping Census 2000: The Geography of U.S. Diversity*, Census 2000 Special Reports, CENR/01-1, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC.

Figure 3
Percent Hispanic: 2000

For information on confidentiality protection, see sampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen70/c2/c2a.cpl#4.



Hispanic population
as a percent of total
population by state



Hispanic population
as a percent of total
population by
county



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P80-001) - Summary File, American Factfinder at factfinder.census.gov provides census data and mapping tools.

Table 3.
Ten Largest Places in Total Population and in Hispanic Population: 2000

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/dec2000/docr1.pdf.)

Place and state	Total population		Hispanic population		Percent Hispanic of total population
	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	
New York, NY	8,008,278	1	2,160,554	1	27.0
Los Angeles, CA	3,694,820	2	1,719,073	2	46.5
Chicago, IL	2,895,018	3	753,644	3	26.0
Houston, TX	1,953,831	4	730,865	4	37.4
Philadelphia, PA	1,517,550	5	128,928	24	8.5
Phoenix, AZ	1,321,045	6	449,972	6	34.1
San Diego, CA	1,223,400	7	310,752	9	25.4
Dallas, TX	1,188,580	8	422,587	8	35.6
San Antonio, TX	1,144,646	9	671,394	5	58.7
Detroit, MI	951,270	10	47,167	72	5.0
El Paso, TX	563,662	23	431,875	7	76.6
San Jose, CA	894,943	11	260,989	10	30.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1

Table 4.
Ten Places of 100,000 or More Population With the Highest Percent Hispanic: 2000

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/dec2000/docr1.pdf.)

Place and state	Total population	Hispanic population	Percent Hispanic of total population
East Los Angeles, CA*	124,283	120,307	96.8
Laredo, TX	176,578	166,216	94.1
Brownsville, TX	139,722	127,535	91.3
Houston, FL	226,419	204,543	90.3
McAllen, TX	106,414	85,427	80.3
El Paso, TX	563,662	431,875	76.6
San Antonio, CA	337,977	257,067	76.1
El Monte, CA	115,965	83,945	72.4
Orland, CA	170,358	112,807	66.2
Miami, FL	362,470	238,351	65.8

*East Los Angeles, California is a census designated place and is not legally incorporated.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1

share (36.5 percent) of all Hispanics in New York, while Mexicans represented the largest share (varying from 63.5 percent in Los Angeles to 83.4 percent in San Diego) of all Hispanics in the nine other places.⁴

⁴Mexicans accounted for the majority of Hispanics in the remaining seven places. See Table 3. Phoenix (83.4 percent), El Paso (83.3 percent), Dallas (82.9 percent), San Jose (81.9 percent), Houston (72.2 percent), San Antonio (70.5 percent), and Chicago (70.4 percent).

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS ON THE HISPANIC POPULATION

Was the Hispanic population younger than the U.S. population?

The relative youthfulness of the Hispanic population is reflected in its population under age 18 and in its median age. While 25.7 percent of the U.S. population was under 18 years of age in 2000, 35.0 percent of Hispanics were less than

age 18. The median age for Hispanics was 25.9 years while the median age for the entire U.S. population was 35.3 years. Mexicans had a median age of 24.2 years, Puerto Ricans 27.3 years, Central Americans 29.2 years, Dominicans 29.5 years, South Americans 33.1 years, Spaniards 36.4 years, Cubans 40.7 years, and all other Hispanics had a median age of 24.7 years.

In what places were Hispanics the majority?

Hispanics in East Los Angeles⁵ were 96.8 percent (120,000) of the population, the highest for any place outside the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with 100,000 or more total population (see Table 4). Hispanics were the majority of the population in eighteen other places.⁶ Two of the top ten places in terms of numbers of Hispanics, El Paso and San Antonio, also had a majority who were Hispanic (76.6 percent and 58.7 percent, respectively).

What were the top places for different Hispanic groups, by size?

Most, but not all, of the places with the largest specific Hispanic group populations were among the ten places with the largest Hispanic populations. The largest Mexican populations lived in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, San Antonio, and Phoenix. The largest Puerto Rican populations lived in New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. The largest

⁵East Los Angeles, California is a census designated place and is not legally incorporated.

⁶Hispanics were the majority of the population in the ten places shown in Table 4 as well as in these nine additional places: Pomona, California (94.5 percent), San Jose, California (84.1 percent), Newark, California (82.9 percent), Orlando, California (80.9 percent), San Antonio, Texas (78.7 percent), Downey, California (77.9 percent), Fontana, California (57.7 percent), Corpus Christi, Texas (54.3 percent), and Paterson, New Jersey (50.1 percent).

Cuban populations lived in Hialeah, Miami, New York, Tampa, and Los Angeles.

The largest Central American populations lived in the following places: Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Miami, and San Francisco, while the largest South American populations lived in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami.

ABOUT CENSUS 2000

The Census Bureau is required by federal directive to collect data on Hispanic origin. For additional information on the legal basis for the question on Hispanic origin included in Census 2000, see *Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity*. Federal Register Notice, October 30, 1997, Volume 62, Number 210. This document is available on the Census Internet site at www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race/ombdir15.html.

All levels of government need information on Hispanic origin to implement and evaluate programs, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, Civil Rights Act, Voting Rights Act, Public Health Act, Healthcare Improvement Act, Job Partnership Training Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Housing Act, Census Redistricting Data Program, and others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on Hispanic origin in the United States, visit the U.S. Census Bureau's Internet site at www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hispanic.html.

Data on Hispanic origin from the Census 2000 Summary File 1 are planned for release on a state-by-state basis during June and July of 2001. The Census 2000 Redistricting data are available on the Internet via factfinder.census.gov and for purchase on CD-ROM and later on DVD.

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www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf or contact our Customer Services Center at 301 457 4100.

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MORE INFORMATION

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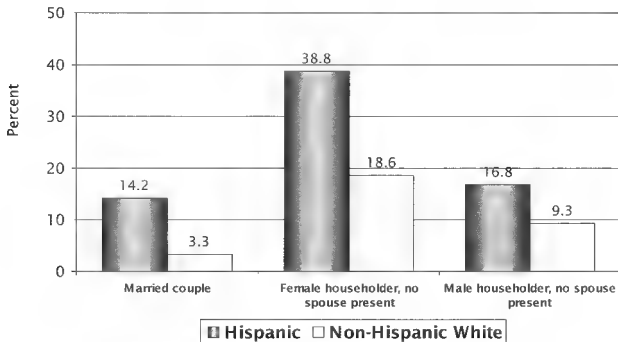
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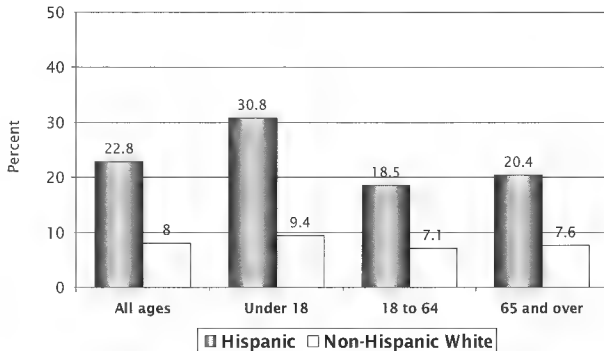
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Percent Below Poverty Level in 1999 by Family Type and Hispanic Origin



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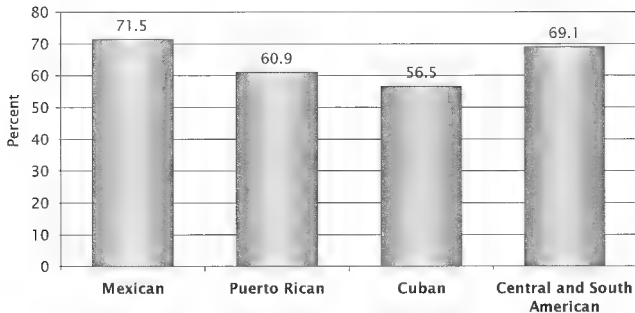
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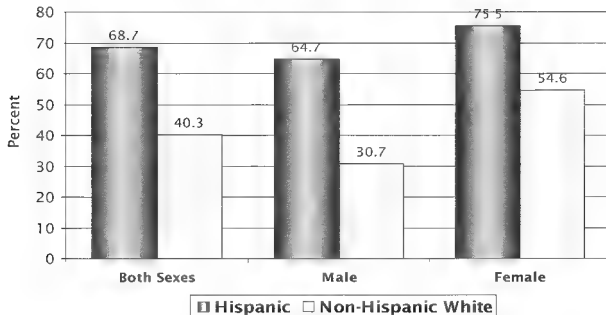
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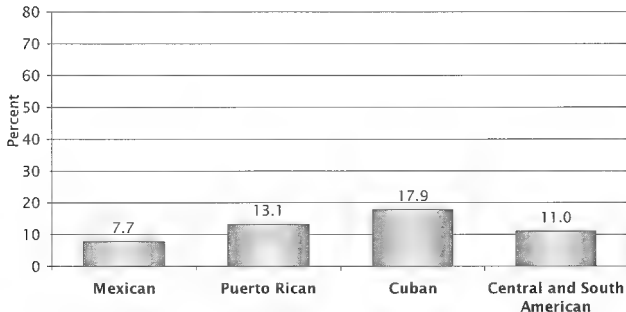
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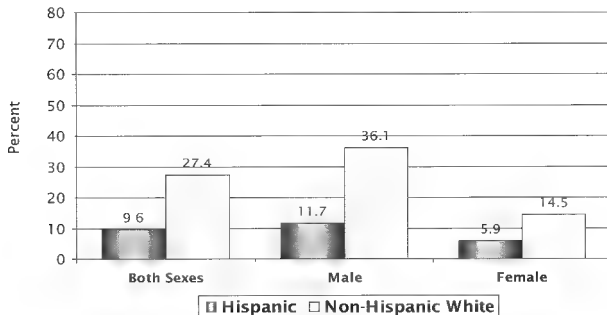
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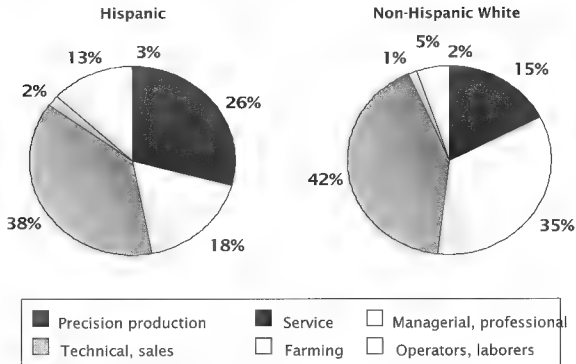
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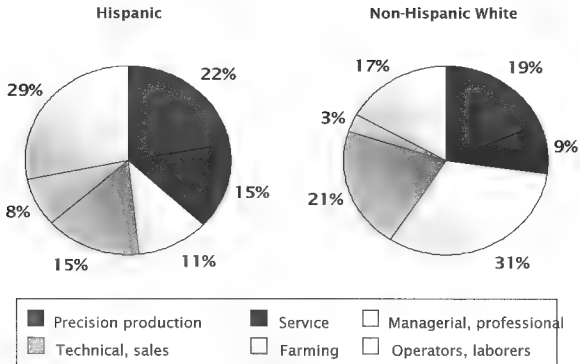
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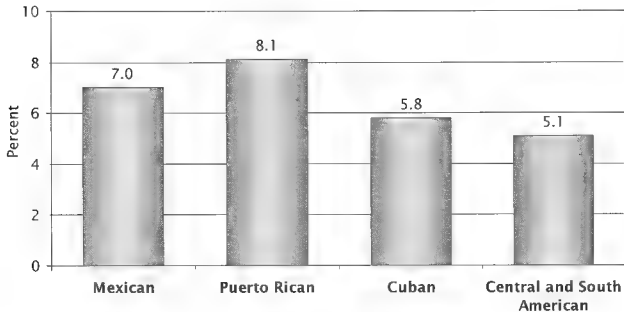
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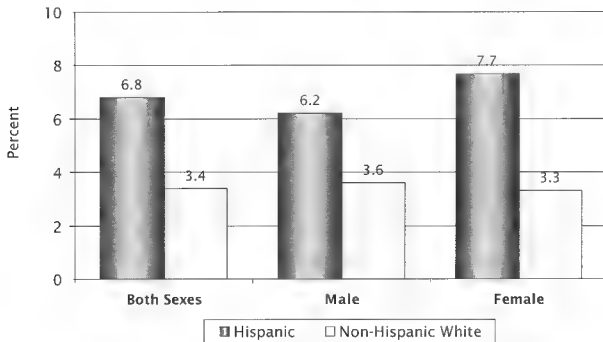
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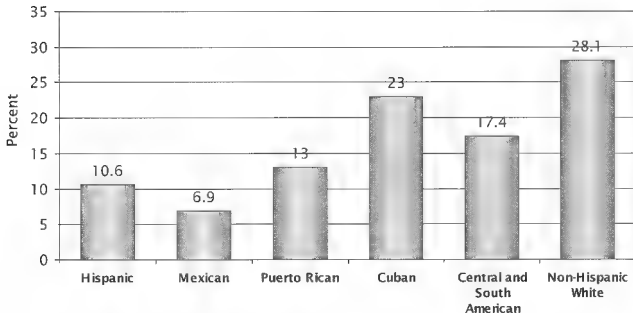
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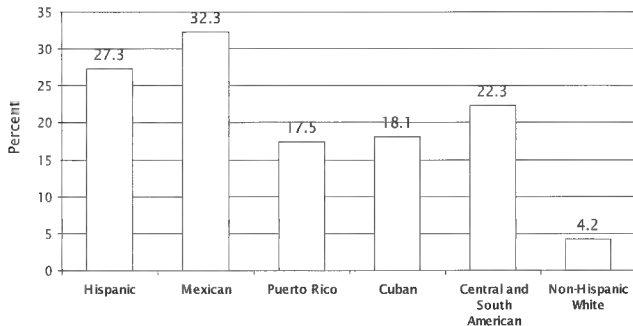
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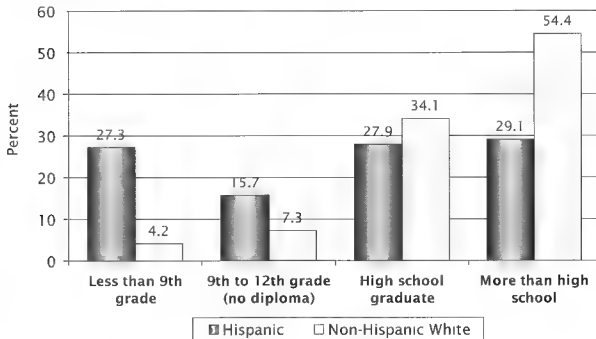
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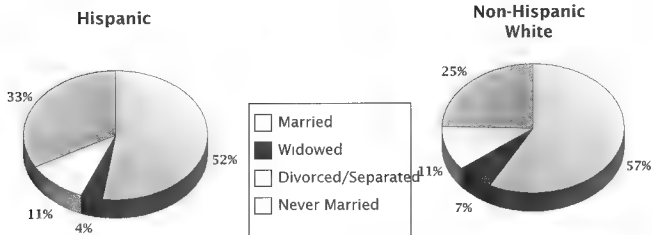
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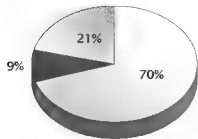
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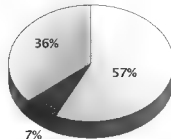
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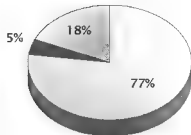
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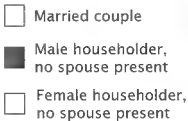
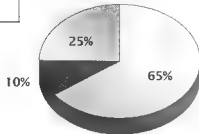
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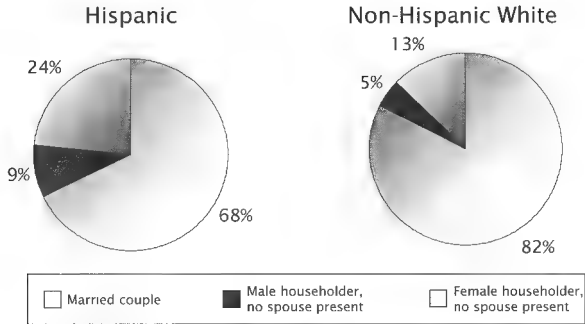


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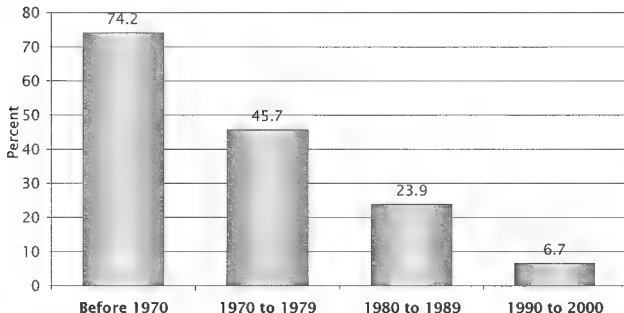
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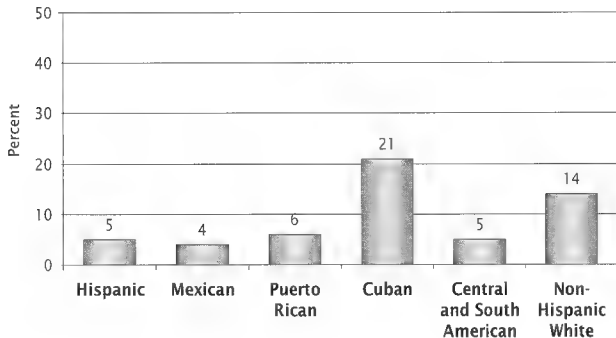
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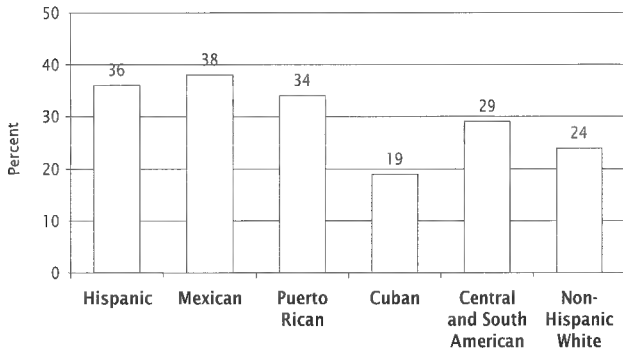
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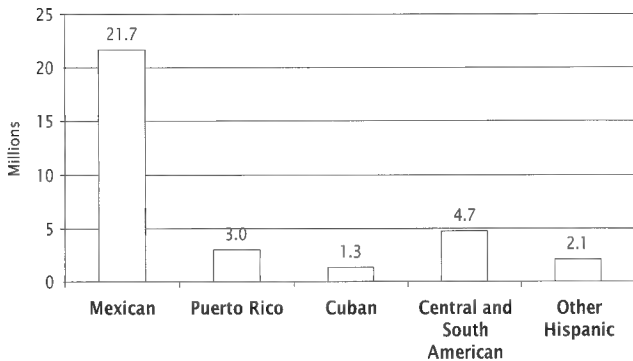
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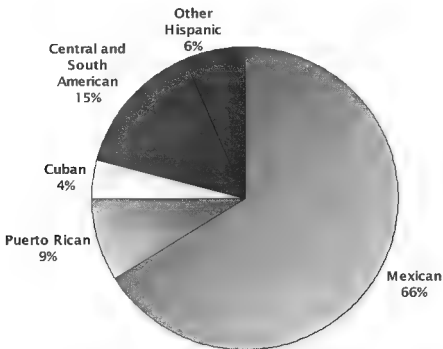
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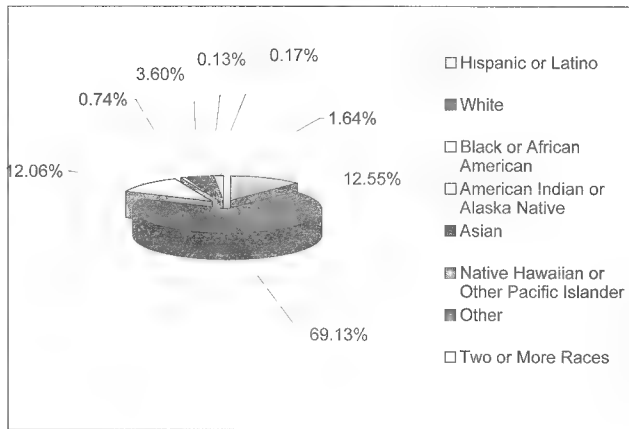


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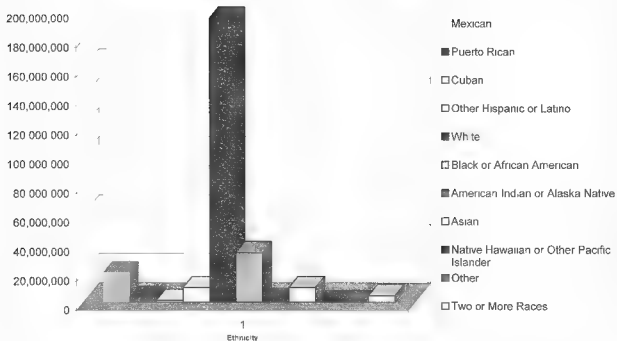
Percent Distribution of Hispanics by Type: 2000



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Year 2000 Population By Ethnicity



	Hispanic Origin	1980 Population	Percentage
US	Mexican	6,740,439	59.83047876
	Puerto Rican	2,013,945	13.78595441
	Cuban	803,226	5.49828174
	Other Hispanic or Latino	3,061,063	20.88528506
	Total Hispanic Population	14,608,673	100
Overall Population			
	Hispanic or Latino	14,608,673	6.448299155
	White	180,802,838	79.71847461
	Black or African American	26,091,857	11.51700086
	American Indian or Alaska Native	1,432,807	0.63244404
	Asian	3,550,605	1.567244555
	Other	284,015	0.116538779
	Not Hispanic or Latino	211,942,122	93.55170084
	Total	226,550,795	100
New Jersey	Mexican	13,913	2.815849552
	Puerto Rican	242,367	49.05261326
	Cuban	84,325	17.06652149
	Other Hispanic	153,491	31.06501571
	Total Hispanic Population	494,096	100
Overall Population			
	Hispanic or Latino	494,096	8.708864558
	White	5,840,229	79.29887297
	Black or African American	906,931	12.31436248
	American Indian or Alaska Native	9,247	0.1255631
	Asian	106,498	1.44603611
	Other	7,822	0.106207575

	Not Hispanic or Latino	6,870,727	93.29113544
	Total	7,364,623	100
Newark	Mexican	1,343	2.190078601
	Puerto Rican	39,138	63.82375004
	Cuban	6,550	10.69762891
	Other Hispanic	14,281	23.28854245
	Total Hispanic Population	61,322	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	61,322	18.62486636
	White	75,208	22.84235591
	Black or African American	188,472	57.24317232
	American Indian or Alaska Native	690	0.200458799
	Asian	2,306	0.700363905
	Other	1,280	0.3887647
	Not Hispanic or Latino	267,926	81.37513364
	Total	329,248	100
New York	Mexican	40,243	2.422961995
	Puerto Rican	978,616	58.92079058
	Cuban	79,378	4.77921321
	Other Hispanic	562,664	33.87703421
	Total Hispanic Population	1,660,901	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	1,660,901	9.459472543
	White	13,211,516	75.24468518
	Black or African American	2,298,672	13.09182466
	American Indian or Alaska Native	39,434	0.224591857
	Asian	322,751	1.838191574
	Other	24,798	0.141234186
	Not Hispanic or Latino	15,897,171	90.54052746
	Total	17,558,072	100
New York City	Mexican	23,761	1.689504113
	Puerto Rican	852,933	60.6399083
	Cuban	63,189	4.492895892
	Other Hispanic	466,606	33.17759169
	Total Hispanic Population	1,406,389	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	1,406,389	19.86773748
	White	3,703,203	52.36668898
	Black or African American	1,694,505	23.96198392
	American Indian or Alaska Native	9,907	0.140094821
	Asian	239,338	3.384477064
	Other	16,297	0.256737755
	Not Hispanic or Latino	5,665,250	80.11226252
	Total	7,071,639	100

	Hispanic Origin	1990 Population	Percentage
US	<i>Mexican</i>	13,393,208	61.16595238
	<i>Puerto Rican</i>	2,651,815	12.10869508
	<i>Cuban</i>	1,053,197	4.809099178
	<i>Other Hispanic or Latino</i>	4,801,889	21.92625336
	Dominican	520,151	2.375109069
	Central American	1,323,830	6.044661279
	Guatemalan	268,779	1.227296382
	Honduran	131,066	0.598472464
	Nicaraguan	202,658	0.925375235
	Panamanian	92,013	0.420148977
	Salvadoran	565,081	2.580268053
	Other Central American	64,233	0.293300178
	South American	1,035,602	4.728757036
	Colombian	378,726	1.729335438
	Ecuadorian	191,198	0.87304668
	Peruvian	175,035	0.799243327
	Other South American	290,643	1.327131593
	All Other Hispanic or Latino	1,922,286	8.777525973
	Total Hispanic Population	21,900,089	100
Overall Population			
	Hispanic or Latino	21,900,089	8.605476331
	White	188,424,773	75.7608738
	Black or African American	29,284,596	11.77450132
	American Indian or Alaska Native	1,866,807	0.750596258
	Asian	6,994,302	2.812233353
	Other	239,306	0.096218939
	Not Hispanic or Latino	226,809,784	91.19452367
	Total	248,709,873	100
New Jersey			
	Mexican	28,385	3.940478438
	Puerto Rican	304,179	42.22690825
	Cuban	87,085	12.08936286
	Other Hispanic	300,695	41.74325045
	Total Hispanic Population	720,344	100
Overall Population			
	Hispanic or Latino	720,344	9.318583196
	White	5,734,566	74.18404313
	Black or African American	989,946	12.80523447
	American Indian or Alaska Native	12,638	0.163488909
	Asian	262,649	3.397705205
	Other	10,045	0.129945083

	Not Hispanic or Latino	7,009,844	90.6814168
	Total	7,730,188	100
Newark	Mexican	929	1.342407953
	Puerto Rican	38,519	55.66007745
	Cuban	4,797	6.93168025
	Other Hispanic	24,959	36.06583434
	Total Hispanic Population	69,204	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	69,204	25.14488357
	White	46,276	16.81412392
	Black or African American	155,055	56.33836081
	American Indian or Alaska Native	480	0.174405296
	Asian	2,806	1.020270962
	Other	1,398	0.507955425
	Not Hispanic or Latino	206,017	74.85511643
	Total	275,221	100
New York	Mexican	84,985	3.949588775
	Puerto Rican	1,046,896	48.65339402
	Cuban	77,016	3.579237855
	Other Hispanic	942,846	43.81777935
	Total Hispanic Population	2,151,743	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	2,151,743	11.96047015
	White	12,489,630	69.42364716
	Black or African American	2,599,364	14.44857287
	American Indian or Alaska Native	49,552	0.275434946
	Asian	671,985	3.73523071
	Other	28,181	0.156544176
	Not Hispanic or Latino	15,838,712	88.03952985
	Total	17,990,455	100
New York City	Mexican	55,696	3.204852678
	Puerto Rican	861,122	49.54880153
	Cuban	57,019	3.280862775
	Other Hispanic	764,088	43.96548302
	Total Hispanic Population	1,737,927	100
Overall Population	Hispanic or Latino	1,737,927	19.1813777
	White	3,831,907	42.29248724
	Black or African American	2,107,137	23.25632242
	American Indian or Alaska Native	22,718	0.250736983
	Asian	510,549	5.634893297
	Other	850,253	9.38418238
	Not Hispanic or Latino	7,322,564	80.8186223
	Total	9,060,491	100